



The National Fire Plan

FY 2001 Programs in Alaska



Overview

The National Fire Plan implements program activities in five key areas across the landscape. These key points are designed to respond to the severe wildfires of 2000, reduce their impacts on rural communities, and enhance firefighting capabilities in the future. Estimated National Fire Plan allocations to Alaska include (\$ in thousands):

Firefighting		Rehab and Restoration	Hazardous Fuel Treatment	Forest Health Projects	Community Assistance				TOTAL
Preparedness	Facilities				State Fire Assistance	Volunteer Fire Assistance	Economic Action Programs	Comm'ty & Private Land Fire Assist..	
2,450	825	0	544	90	9,216	394	100	645	14,264

Note: Includes Title II and Title IV for Hazardous Fuel, State Fire Assistance and Volunteer Fire Assistance.

Firefighting Resources

Staffing the most efficient organizational level to provide prompt initial attack suppression on wildfires.

- Preparedness Organization -
 - Add an additional Interagency Hotshot Crew in Alaska
 - Add 10 initial attack fire fighters in communities of Hoonah and Thorne Bay.
- Fire Facilities - Invest \$100,000 in Fire Cache renovation on the Tongass; \$600,000 in Fire Crew offices, facilities and work center on the Chugach; and \$125,000 in regional facilities planning.
- Federal Excess Personal Property - Annual increase in inventory value of equipment and material loaned to state fire organizations and their cooperators in Alaska is approximately \$500,000.

Hazardous Fuel Reduction

Targeting fuel management and reduction on high priority areas, especially wildland-urban interface areas.

- Four Fuel Reduction projects planned, on 4,150 acres.
- Approximately 1,270 acres treated through the end of July.
- Forest Health Management activities conducted to prevent and control invasive species.

Community Assistance

Enhancing community capacity to reduce wildfire risk and expand local economic opportunities.

- Approximately \$717,000 in State Fire Assistance is allocated in base funds to increase preparedness skills to assist with firefighting efforts. In addition, \$7.5 million is provided through Congressional earmark as a direct lump sum payment to the Kenai Peninsula Borough. Funding will also support Hazard Mitigation activities in the Anchorage Bowl.
- Approximately \$284,000 in Volunteer Fire Assistance will support training and equipment to meet the needs of a portion of the 252 rural volunteer fire departments in Alaska. An additional \$110,000 is allocated in base program funds.
- \$745,000 in National Fire Plan Community Assistance funding is allocated to support activities across Alaska. Included are:
 - Economic Action Programs to develop and expand markets for wood products from removed fuels; and
 - Community and Private Land Assistance to enhance fire planning in communities, enhance stewardship planning, and fund fuel management projects.

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